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DAYTON, Ohio, November 5, 1968 --- Six lecture-discussions on Pope Paul's encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, will be conducted over the next six months at the University of Dayton, Rev. Matthew Kohmescher, S.M., Chairman, Department of Theological Studies, announced today. The lecture series is an outgrowth of departmental studies held over the past two months.

When Father Kohmescher announced the departmental meetings in late August, he said: "We are not initiating these discussions to necessarily come to a conclusion or to take an official stand. Rather we feel that the issue is of such significant importance that we, as theologians and educators, should approach the subject with an open mind and encourage full discussion and research. In this way we can aid in the proper understanding of this delicate question."

The series, which will be open to the University of Dayton community and the general public, will start next Tuesday, November 12, when the Rev. Richard Boulet, O.P., a member of UD's Theological Department, will discuss the "Nature of Authority Within the Church." There will be two responders to Father Boulet's lecture. A question-and-answer period will follow. The meeting will be held in the O'Leary Auditorium of Miriam Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Norbert Burns, S.M., also of the Theological Department, will serve as director of the series. He has scheduled Rev. John Harrington, S.M., and Rev. Joseph McDonald, S.M., both of UD, for the second and third lectures. Father Harrington will discuss "Authority and the Natural Law" in December. Father McDonald's topic will be "Authority and the Present Encyclical" in January. Dates will be set later.

Lecturers have not been assigned for the final three topics. The subjects will be "Philosophical Argumentation of the Encyclical" in February, "Interdisciplinary Response to the Encyclical" in March and "Pastoral Handling of the Problem" in April.

Father Boulet joined the University of Dayton's theological staff this school year. He served as Visiting Professor at Providence College last year and taught at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Washington, D.C. during the 1966-67 school year. He spent 1965 in Europe on a post-doctoral research program.

Father Boulet also has served as lecturer, since 1960, in Providence College's Graduate Summer School of Theology. He also taught at Ursuline College, Louisville, from 1958 to 1963.

A native of Cranston, Rhode Island, Father Boulet was born in 1932. He graduated from Providence College in 1954 with an A.B. degree and received his S.T.B., S.T.L., and S.T.LR degrees from Immaculate Conception College in Washington in 1956 and 1958. He graduated from the University of Montreal in 1965 with his S.T.D. degree.

Father Boulet has lectured on the Theology of Vatican II, the Sacraments, Ecumenism, Ecclesiology, and Theology of Religious Life.